

Proposed ACNS By-Law Amendments – June 24, 2021

By-Law #	Current By-Law	Suggested Change	Rationale
6.c	Resides in the geographic area of Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island.	Resides in the geographic area of Nova Scotia.	No longer affiliated with Prince Edward Island
10.	The Society may, by a Board vote of 75% remove a member of the society.	The Society may by a vote of 75% by the Board of Directors, remove a member of the society after consultation with the member.	More clarity in the language
11.	Member groups are those organizations and projects in Nova Scotia which hold a partnership agreement with the society and have also been accepted by a vote of the membership. Membership vote would take place at an Annual General Meeting . Organizations and projects must agree to the mission statement and guiding principles as outlined in the memorandum of Association.	Member groups are those organizations and projects in Nova Scotia which hold a partnership agreement with the society and have also been accepted by a vote of the membership at an Annual General Meeting. Organizations and projects must agree to the mission statement and guiding principles as outlined in the memorandum of Association	More clarity in the language
13.a	Submit nominations to the Board Chairperson or designate.	- Removed-	We feel this is covered under Nominations By-Laws
14	The Society may, by a Board vote of 75%, remove any member group.	The Society may by a vote of 75% by the Board of Directors, remove a Member Group of the society after consultation with the Member Group.	More clarity in the language

15	<p>New</p> <p>NOTE – this requires all By-Laws that follow to be renumbered. Each goes up by 1.</p>	<p>Although these members are also members of the Member Group, they function as an individual member of the Society with the overall interests of the Society and the Mission Statement and the Governing Principles as outlined in the Memorandum of Association as her/his focus and not as a member of that member group.</p>	<p>Clarification that Members of a Member Group should act in the interests of the Society not the Member Group.</p>
31. a (old 30. a)	<p>Two (2) regional representatives for each region geographically representative of the Nova Scotia Health Authority Zones and Prince Edward Island.</p>	<p>Two (2) regional representatives for each region geographically representative of the Nova Scotia Health Authority Zones.</p>	<p>No longer affiliated with Prince Edward Island.</p>
39	<p>New</p> <p>NOTE – this requires all By-Laws that follow to be renumbered. Each now goes up by 2.</p>	<p>A Director must resign if they wish to become a staff member of the Society. If a Director resigns for the reason of becoming a staff member of the Society, they must not reoffer as a Board Member until two years after completing their staff position.</p>	<p>To provide clarity around Directors resigning and when they can reoffer.</p>
41 (old 39)	<p>The Society may, by Board vote of 75%, remove any director before the expiration period of office.</p>	<p>The Society may by a vote of 75% by the Board of Directors, remove a Director of the society after consultation with the Director.</p>	<p>More clarity in the language.</p>
43. a (old 41 a)	<p>All forms must be submitted to the chairperson three months prior to the annual general meeting.</p>	<p>All forms must be submitted to the Chairperson no later than the Board meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>To provide more flexibility to the Board as the AGM date is often decided during the Board Meeting prior to the AGM.</p>

<p>43. d (old 41 d)</p>	<p>Any organization or project that wishes to become a member group of the society, must submit a request in writing to the Board chairperson no less than 3 months prior to the annual general meeting for consideration. The Board of directors will make a decision to bring forth a recommendation to the membership as per ByLaw 11.</p>	<p>Any organization or project that wishes to become a member group of the society, must submit a request in writing to the Board chairperson no later than the Board meeting prior to the annual general meeting for consideration. The Board of directors will make a decision to bring forth a recommendation to the membership as per ByLaw 11.</p>	<p>To remain consistent with 43. a)</p>
<p>44 (old 42)</p>	<p>Member Groups may nominate persons for consideration to be appointed to the Board of directors of the society. Member Groups must submit all nominations for consideration to the Board chairperson no less than three (3) months prior to the annual general meeting in writing.</p>	<p>Member Groups may nominate persons for consideration to be appointed to the Board of directors of the society. Member Groups must submit all nominations for consideration to the Board chairperson no later than the Board meeting prior to the annual general meeting in writing.</p>	<p>To remain consistent with 43 a)</p>
<p>Item following old By-Law 42</p>	<p>This item was mislabelled as By-Law 46.</p> <p>NOTE – this requires all By-Laws that follow to be renumbered. Each goes up by 3.</p>	<p>Now By-Law 45</p>	<p>By-Law Numbering correction</p>
<p>46 (old 43)</p>	<p>The Board development & membership committee shall attempt to fill a complete slate of nominees for presentation at the annual general meeting as listed in By-Law 32.</p>	<p>The Board Human Resource and Governance committee shall attempt to fill a complete slate of nominees for presentation at the annual general meeting as listed in By-Law 31.</p>	<p>Update to the correct Board committee and By-Law reference.</p>

<p>47 (old 44)</p>	<p>Nomination may be made from the floor at the annual general meeting. This can only be done if the candidate has: 1) received a nomination from a member of ACNS; and 2) expressed their intentions to the chairperson no less than seventy- two (72) hours prior to the annual general meeting; and 3) has filled out an ACNS volunteer form and Board commitment form; and 4) has provided a short letter outlining their interest in serving on the society Board.</p>	<p>Nomination may be made from the floor at the annual general meeting. This can only be done if the candidate has: 1) received a nomination from a member of ACNS; and 2) expressed their intentions to the chairperson no less than seventy- two (72) hours prior to the annual general meeting; and 3) has filled out an ACNS volunteer form and Board commitment form.</p>	<p>Removed Item #4 as the individual must as a Member; sign a statement of commitment to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Society and support the philosophy and work of the society. As a Director the individual must serve with the overall interests of the Society and the Mission Statement and the Governing Principles as outlined in the Memorandum of Association.</p>
<p>60 (old 57)</p>	<p>The Board shall have the following Standing Committees, the Chair of each committee must be a Director: 1. Executive Committee 2. Finance Committee 3. Any Ad-Hoc Committee as defined by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>The Board shall have the following Standing Committees, the Chair of each committee must be a Director or Member: 1. Executive Committee 2. Human Resource and Governance Committee 3. Any Ad-Hoc Committee as defined by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>In the past Ad-Hoc Committees had not had a Director serve as Chair; for example Fundraising. Updated to include Human Resource and Governance as Finance was rolled into the Executive.</p>
<p>75 (old 72)</p>	<p>There shall be no salary or fees paid to member of the Board of Directors and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from their position. Compensation to individual directors for expenses incurred in discharging their duties as a member of the Board will be at the discretion of the Board.</p>	<p>There shall be no salary or fees paid to any member of the Board of Directors and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from their position. Compensation to individual directors for expenses incurred in discharging their duties as a member of the Board will be at the discretion of the Board.</p>	<p>Add the word "any", clarity of language.</p>